1	2	3
9.	Israel	2002
10.	Kazakhstan	2002
11.	Russia	2002
12.	Croatia	2002
13.	Uzbekistan	2003
14.	Thailand	2003
15.	Turkey	2003
16.	Singapore	2003
17.	Australia	2003
18.	Tajikistan	2003
19.	BIMSTEC*	2004
20.	Mauritius	2004
21.	Indonesia	2004
22.	Myanmar	2004
23.	Poland	2004
24.	Japan	2005
25.	Cambodia	2005
26.	Pakistan	2006
27.	Italy	2007

*Regional Groups

Signing of nuke ban treaty

620. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a policy shift, the US reportedly wants India to sign nuke ban treaty;

(b) if so, whether Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) would not involve any implications for the Indo-US Nuclear Deal already signed between the two countries;

(c) the countries who have ratified/signed the treaty adopted by the UN in 1996 and the countries who have not yet signed; and

(d) the policy of present new Government in connection with signing of CTBT?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA): (a) The United States has not requested India to sign the CTBT in recent bilateral discussions.

(b) The CTBT does not affect the Agreement for Cooperation between the Government of India and the Government of the United States of America concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy of 10th October 2008, which enables civil nuclear cooperation between India and the US.

(c) 181 States have signed the CTBT, of which 148 are States parties. Lists are given in the Statement-I and Statement-II (*See* below). Of the States mentioned in Article XIV of the CTBT, India, Pakistan and DPR Korea have not signed.

(d) India has declared a voluntary, unilateral moratorium on nuclear explosive testing.

Statement-I

List of Countries which have signed the CTBT

(As on 3rd July, 2009)

S.No.	Country	S.No.	Country
1	2	1	2
1	Afghanistan	21	Bosnia and Herzegovina
2	Albania	22	Botswana
3	Algeria	23	Brazil
4	Andorra	24	Brunei Darussalam
5	Angola	25	Bulgaria
6	Antigua and Barbuda	26	Burkina Faso
7	Argentina	27	Burundi
8	Armenia	28	Cambodia
9	Australia	29	Cameroon
10	Austria	30	Canada
11	Azerbaijan	31	Cape Verde
12	Bahamas	32	Cote d'Ivoire
13	Bahrain	33	Central African Republic
14	Bangladesh	34	Chad
15	Barbados	35	Chile
16	Belarus	36	China
17	Belgium	37	Colombia
18	Belize	38	Comoros
19	Benin	39	Congo
20	Bolivia	40	Cook Islands

S.No.	Country
1	2
41	Costa Rica
42	Croatia
43	Cyprus
44	Czech Republic
45	Democratic Republic of the Congo
46	Denmark
47	Djibouti
48	Dominican Republic
49	Ecuador
50	Egypt
51	El Salvador
52	Equatorial Guinea
53	Eritrea
54	Estonia
55	Ethiopia
56	Fiji
57	Finland
58	France
59	Gabon
60	Gambia
61	Georgia
62	Germany
63	Ghana
64	Greece
65	Grenada
66	Guatemala
67	Guinea
68	Guinea-Bissau
69	Guyana
70	Haiti

S.No.	Country
1	2
71	Holy See
72	Honduras
73	Hungary
74	Iceland
75	Indonesia
76	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
77	Iraq
78	Ireland
79	Israel
80	Italy
81	Jamaica
82	Japan
83	Jordan
84	Kazakhstan
85	Kenya
86	Kiribati
87	Kuwait
88	Kyrgyzstan
89	Lao People's Democratic Republic
90	Latvia
91	Lebanon
92	Lesotho
93	Liberia
94	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
95	Liechtenstein
96	Lithuania
97	Luxembourg
98	Madagascar
99	Malawi
100	Malaysia

S.No.	Country
1	2
101	Maldives
102	Mali
103	Malta
104	Marshall Islands
105	Mauritania
106	Mexico
107	Micronesia, Federated States of
108	Moldova
109	Monaco
110	Mongolia
111	Montenegro
112	Morocco
113	Mozambique
114	Myanmar
115	Namibia
116	Nauru
117	Nepal
118	Netherlands
119	New zealand
120	Nicaragua
121	Niger
122	Nigeria
123	Norway
124	Oman
125	Palau
126	Panama
127	Papua new guinea
128	Paraguay
129	Peru
130	Philippines

S.No.	Country
1	2
131	Poland
132	Portugal
133	Qatar
134	Republic of Korea
135	Romania
136	Russian Federation
137	Rwanda
138	Saint Kitts and Nevis
139	Saint Lucia
140	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
141	Samoa
142	San marino
143	Sao Tome and Principe
144	Saudi Arabia
145	Senegal
146	Serbia
147	Seychelles
148	Sierra Leone
149	Singapore
150	Slovakia
151	Slovenia
152	Solomon Islands
153	South Africa
154	Spain
155	Sri lanka
156	Sudan
157	Suriname
158	Swaziland
159	Sweden
160	Switzerland

S.No.	Country
1	2
161	Tajikistan
162	Thailand
163	The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
164	Timor-Leste
165	Togo
166	Tunisia
167	Turkey
168	Turkmenistan
169	Uganda
170	Ukraine
171	United Arab Emirates
172	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
173	United Republic of Tanzania
174	United States of America
175	Uruguay
176	Uzbekistan
177	Vanuatu
178	Venezuela (Bolivarian republic of)
179	Viet Nam
180	Yemen
181	Zambia

Statement-II

List of Countries which have signed and ratified the CTBT

(As on 3rd July, 2009)

S.No.	Country
1	2
1	Afghanistan
2	Albania
3	Algeria
4	Andorra
5	Antigua and Barbuda
6	Argentina
7	Armenia
8	Australia
9	Austria
10	Azerbaijan
11	Bahamas
12	Bahrain
13	Bangladesh
14	Barbados
15	Belarus
16	Belgium
17	Belize
18	Benin
19	Bolivia
20	Bosnia and Herzegovina
21	Botswana
22	Brazil
23	Bulgaria
24	Burkina Faso
25	Burundi
26	Cambodia
27	Cameroon

S.No.	Country
1	2
28	Canada
29	Cape Verde
30	Chile
31	Colombia
32	Cook Islands
33	Costa Rica
34	Cote d'Ivoire
35	Croatia
36	Cyprous
37	Czech Republic
38	Democratic Republic of the Congo
39	Denmark
40	Djibouti
41	Dominican Republic
42	Ecuador
43	El Salvador
44	Eritrea
45	Estonia
46	Ethiopia
47	Fiji
48	Finland
49	France
50	Gabon
51	Georgia
52	Germany
53	Greece
54	Grenada
55	Guyana
56	Haiti

S.No.	Country
1	2
57	Holy See
58	Honduras
59	Hungary
60	Iceland
61	Ireland
62	Italy
63	Jamaica
64	Japan
65	Jordan
66	Kazakhstan
67	Kenya
68	Kiribati
69	Kuwait
70	Kyrgyzstan
71	Lao People's Democratic Republic
72	Latvia
73	Lebanon
74	Lesotho
75	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
76	Liechtenstein
77	Lithuania
78	Luxembourg
79	Madagascar
80	Malawi
81	Malaysia
82	Maldives
83	Mali
84	Malta
85	Mauritania

S.No.	Country
1	2
86	Mexico
87	Micronesia, Federated States of
88	Moldova
89	Monaco
90	Mongolia
91	Montenegro
92	Morocco
93	Mozambique
94	Namibia
95	Nauru
96	Netherlands
97	New Zealand
98	Nicaragua
99	Niger
100	Nigeria
101	Norway
102	Oman
103	Palau
104	Panama
105	Paraguay
106	Peru
107	Philippines
108	Poland
109	Portugal
110	Qatar
111	Republic of Korea
112	Romania
113	Russian Federation
114	Rwanda
115	Saint Kitts and Nevis

S.No.	Country
1	2
116	Saint Lucia
117	Samoa
118	San Marino
119	Senegal
120	Serbia
121	Seychelles
122	Sierra Leone
123	Singapore
124	Slovakia
125	Slovenia
126	South Africa
127	Spain
128	Sudan
129	Suriname
130	Sweden
131	Switzerland
132	Tajikistan
133	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
134	Togo
135	Tunisia
136	Turkey
137	Turkmenistan
138	Uganda
139	Ukraine
140	United Arab Emirates
141	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
142	United Republic of Tanzania

S.No.	Country
1	2
143	Uruguay
144	Uzbekistan
145	Vanuatu

S.No.	Country
1	2
146	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
147	Viet Nam
148	Zambia

H-1B and L-1 VISAS

621. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian professionals in IT industry receive the largest share of H-1 B and L-1 visas;

(b) if so, the details thereof especially from Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) the steps being taken to improve the share of such visas in future?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) and (b) Indian companies, mostly IT companies, received 12810 H-IB and L-I visas in 2008 out of a total of 85,000 H-1B visas. Infosys (4559), Wipro (2678), Satyam(1917) and Tata Consultancy Services (1539) were the largest users of H-1B visas in 2008. H-1B visa is given to workers in speciality occupations and L-I to all intra-company transferees; irrespective of their sectors. It is, therefore, not possible to ascertain what percentage were given to IT professionals.

(c) Government of India have urged a higher allocation of H-IB and L-I visas for Indian professionals by the US Government.

Military base in Katchatheevu Island

622. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the report that Sri Lankan Government is taking steps to build military base in the Katchatheevu Island;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA): (a) to (c) Sri Lanka has denied any plans to build a military base in Katchatheevu. The issue was raised with the Sri Lankan Government during the visit of a delegation led by Senior Advisor to Sri Lankan President, Basil Rajapaksa, on June 24, 2009. The delegation again clarified that it does not contemplate putting up any military structures at Katchatheevu.

Hacking of Indian computers

623. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state: